

2nd Grade News

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Welcome Back!

A Message From Your Child's Teacher

I am thrilled that I will be working with you and your child this school year. This is my sixth year of teaching, and I find each year to be more exciting. I think of our classroom as not just a classroom but as a community that includes students, families, teachers, and administrators. Our community celebrates every member of the group. We are happy to have you and your child joining us. If I can assist you in any way with making this a great year for your child, please feel free to contact me by phone (301 743-5491) or email

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Special Points of Interest:

- September 1st - Open House
- September 7th - Labor Day
- September 8th - School Reopens
- September 18th - Fair Day
- September 28th - Interims Issued

Supply List

- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- 1 glue stick
- 1 pair of Fiskar's student scissors
- 3 composition books
- 3 pocket folders
- 1 book bag

Agenda Book

Your child will be required to purchase an agenda book, which should travel with your child between home and school each day. The agenda book is an excellent tool to assist students with organization and daily planning. The agenda book also acts as a tool to aid in communication between home and school. Please utilize the agenda book to write positive notes to your child or child's teacher.

Please send \$4.50 for the purchase of an agenda book if you have not already purchased one.

Exciting Second Grade Curriculum

The Essential Curriculum for second grade is very exciting! We will utilize the Houghton Mifflin Reading Program and focus on the following core areas: comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, phonics, and phonemic awareness. Students will receive instruction in guided reading groups, shared reading, word study, guided writing, and self-selected reading. In addition, we will read many examples of great literature related to topics of study in Health, Social Studies, and Science. Students will focus on the writing process of prewriting, drafting, conferencing, editing, revising, and publishing to become published authors. Our Mathematics program focuses on using basic skills as the foundation for becoming expert problem-solvers. Math highlights this year included geometry, statistics, probability, computation, and measurement (including money, time, and linear units). Our Social Studies curriculum enables students to become familiar with the following topics of study: map and globe skills, communities of the past/present, economic concepts, citizenship, and Canada. The computer lab and other supporting technology will enhance the overall curriculum. We will work, learn, and grow together.

School Supplies

Please try to have all needed school supplies as soon as possible. Please let me know if you did not receive a supply list at the end of last year or over the summer vacation. It is a good idea to label all school supplies with your child's name.

Please do not label folders!

Homework

I know each family has a busy schedule; therefore, all homework assignments will be sent home on Monday. All assignments are expected to be completed throughout the week and returned to school on the specified day. Each family can then modify nightly assignments to ensure that all assignments are completed and turned in on time.

An Exciting Year Ahead!

I am looking forward to a successful and productive year for all of us. In accordance with county guidelines, I welcome each parent to visit our classroom and encourage you to volunteer in our school community in any capacity. Additional information pertaining to the Essential Curriculum, attendance policies, daily schedules, report cards, and other items will be discussed at our Open House scheduled for September 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Erland

